

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

Using an Object Model to Improve Handling of Personally Identifiable Information

~~The present invention involves providing in~~ In a computer, a first set of object classes are provided representing active entities in an information-handling process, ~~wherein a limited number of privacy-related actions represent operations performed on data, and providing in the computer~~ a second set of object classes are provided representing data and rules in the information-handling process, ~~wherein at~~. At least one object class has rules associated with data. ~~The invention also involves using the above-mentioned objects are used~~ in constructing a model of an information-handling process, and ~~providing to provide an~~ output that identifies at least one way in which the information-handling process could be improved. One aspect ~~of the present invention~~ is a method for handling personally identifiable information. Another aspect ~~of the present invention~~ is a system for executing the method of the present invention. A third aspect ~~of the present invention~~ is as a set of instructions on a computer-usable medium, or resident in a computer system, for executing the method of the present invention.